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FOR SAUNDERS FROM ATHERTON

U.S. DEL NO. 81

E.O. LL652: XGDS-L AND 3
TAGS: PEPR, PGOV, XF, US
SUBJECT: SADAT'S LINKING OF SINAI AND PALESTINIAN
SETTLEMENTS

REF: STATE 59129

1. POINT RAISED BY REFTEL IS OF COURSE CRUCIAL
AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO TALK AT LENGTH ABOUT IT
WHEN WE MEET WITH SECRETARY SATURDAY. IN MEANTIME
I WANTED YOU AND HERMANN TO HAVE OUR IMMEDIATE
REACTION.

2. MY OWN FEELING SHARED BY STERNER IS THAT PRECISE
LINKAGE BETWEEN SINAI AGREEMENT AND WEST BANK/GAZA
NEGOTIATIONS MAY NOT BE FULLY DEFINED IN SADAT'S
MIND. WE KNOW WHAT SADAT WANTED TO SAY IN HIS
ORIGINAL DRAFT TO BEGIN, BUT WHEN WE DISCUSSED
THIS WITH HIM IN ISMAILIYA HE SEEMED READILY
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TO ACCEPT OUR POINT THAT THIS COULD IN EFFECT PLACE
A VETO OVER A FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THE HANDS OF
EXTREME ELEMENTS. IT SEEMS MORE THAN PROBABLE,
THEREFORE, THAT THE LINKAGE IS NOT AS TIGHT AS
THIS. ON OTHER HAND, WE DOUBT WHETHER THE
DECLARATION, AS IT IS LIKELY TO EMERGE, WILL BE IN
SADAT'S EYES SUFFICIENT IN ITSELF TO JUSTIFY

CONCLUDING AND IMPLEMENTING A BILATERAL AGREEMENT
WITH THE ISRAELIS. SADAT'S DECISION WILL COME SOME-
WHERE BETWEEN THESE POINTS, WE BELIEVE, BUT WHERE
PRECISELY, HE PROBABLY HAS NOT HIMSELF FINALLY
DECIDED. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE ARE INCLINED TO
QUESTION HOW USEFUL IT WILL BE TO TRY TO PIN SADAT
DOWN AT THIS TIME TO A GREATER MEASURE OF
SPECIFICITY THAN HE HAS REACHED IN HIS OWN THINKING.
HE MIGHT WELL COME UP WITH SOMETHING IN AN EFFORT
TO PLEASE US BUT I HAVE THE FEELING THAT ANYTHING
SADAT SAYS NOW ON THIS VITAL POINT COULD BE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND HENCE, IF CONVEYED TO
THE ISRAELIS, COULD BE MISLEADING.

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